

Today's Advertisements.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, PRINCE STREET, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 22nd March, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. [454]

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

IT is proposed to hold an ATHLETIC MEETING on SATURDAY, 27th March, under A. A. RULES (subject to sufficient entries being received).

EVENTS:

- 1.—120 YARDS FLAT RACE (Handicap).
- 2.—LONG JUMP.
- 3.—220 YARDS FLAT RACE (Handicap).
- 4.—120 YARDS HURDLE RACE, 10 Flights.
- 5.—HALF-MILE FLAT RACE.
- 6.—HIGH JUMP.
- 7.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE.
- 8.—THROWING THE "CRICKET BALL."
- 9.—ONE MILE FLAT RACE (Handicap).
- 10.—120 YARDS VETERANS' RACE (Handicap).
- 11.—440 YARDS FLAT RACE (Challenge Cup).
- 12.—SACK RACE.
- 13.—INTERNATIONAL TUG-OF-WAR.
- 14.—PUTTING THE SHOT.
- 15.—CONSOLATION RACE.
- 16.—BICYCLE RACE: Open to all-comers, 1 mile.
- 17.—BICYCLE RACE, 3 miles. Open to all-comers (Handicap).
- 18.—HALF-MILE FLAT RACE (Handicap), open to Soldiers, Sailors and Police.
- 19.—TUG-OF-WAR—10 Men a side—open to Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Army, Navy and Police. Each Ship, Regiment or Corps may enter one team only.
- 20.—LADIES' BICYCLE RACE, Half-mile Open.

EVENTS 1-17 open to all GENTLEMEN AMATEURS who are MEMBERS or VISITORS of the HONGKONG CLUB, CLUB GERMANIA, LUSITANO, CIVIC, CRICKET or VICTORIA RECREATION and HONGKONG BOAT CLUBS. Entrance fee, \$1 for each Event (1-17). General Entry, \$2. Entries CLOSE on FRIDAY, 10th March. Entrance forms obtainable at the above mentioned CLUBS.

R. F. LAMBERT, Acting Hon. Secretary. [455]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship "HAILONG," Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 15th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., General Managers. [450]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship "HAIMUN," Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., General Managers. [456]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO AND NEWCHANG.

THE Company's Steamship "FOOCHOW," Captain Blackburn, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. [450]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship "TSINAN," Captain Ramsay, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. [456]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship "DEUCALION," Captain B. Branch, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. [451]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship "ARRATOON AFAR," Captain K. H. Sundberg, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 20th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents. [452]

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).

THE Steamship "TAIWAN MARU" will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 20th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODD, WILLIAMS & Co., Agents. [450]

Today's Advertisements.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

WANTED AN ENGLISH CLERK with some knowledge and experience of MARINE INSURANCE. A Good Salary will be given to a thoroughly competent Man. Apply by Letter to the Undersecretary.

N. J. EDE, Secretary. [449]

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship "GLENAYON" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notices to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 19th instant will be subject to sale. No Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 26th instant, otherwise they will not be recognised. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th instant, at 11 A.M. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. [453]

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897.

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

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LEMONADE.

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DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MENSES and other Large Consumers. Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager. [3790]

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

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ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

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SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINE and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD., THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [450]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1897.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' MESSAGE.

THE SITUATION.

LONDON, March 13th. The situation remains unchanged and the Powers are conferring together. Russia has offered Serbia 120,000 Magazine rifles, and Serbia has called out all the reserves for drill.

(From *Diario de Manila*)

THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.

MADRID, March 5th. Mr. McKinley is absolutely silent on the Cuban question. In general terms he has said that he will insist on respect being shown for the rights of American citizens.

THE BALANCE OF POWER.

MADRID, March 5th. Fresh complications connected with the Eastern Question threaten with new dangers the balance of power in Europe.

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MADRID, March 5th. Two more battalions of Marine Infantry will shortly be despatched to Manila.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The Honorary Treasurer of the Indian Famine Relief Fund begs to acknowledge receipt of the undated subscriptions:—

Already acknowledged.....	\$ 48,201.53
Since Feb. 28.....	50
F. G.	5
Total to date	\$48,256.53

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Austrian torpedo cruiser *Panther* arrived this afternoon from Singapore.

THE latest returns of the Indian opium revenue show it to be some 37 lakhs below the estimate.

THE Government of Italy proposes to spend £1,600,000 annually for ten years on additions to the fleet.

THE outbreak of bubonic plague at Karachi continues to be marked by an extraordinarily high death-rate.

THE steamer *Aladdin*, from New York, is due on the 20th instant. She is consigned to Messrs Sheehan, Tomes & Co.

AN application has been made to the Indian Government for permission to run motor cars on the Kalka-Simla road.

THE "Whitewash Brigade" now employed in cleaning and lime-washing operations in Bombay numbers nearly 4,000 men.

PLANT for the production of electrolysed sea water is being erected at Carnarvon, Bombay, and will be in operation this month.

IN the semi-final for the Football Shield *Centurion* beat the Royal Engineers at Happy Valley this afternoon by 4 goals to 1.

NO less than ninety fees for the Oxford Local and Preliminary Exams were forwarded to headquarters by the last English mail.

THE population of New South Wales is now estimated to be 1,237,840, showing an increase of nearly 20,000 during the past year.

A GENERAL meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company will be held at noon on Monday, the 13th inst.

SEVERAL glazing factories are lying idle in Kailashaw (India) owing to there being no demand for their manufactures at Bombay.

NO clue has been found, which is likely to lead to the recovery of the £5,000 worth of gold stolen from the steamer *Oceana* at Melbourne the other day.

THE relief crews for H.M.S. *Centurion* and other ships on this station reached Port Said on the 4th instant in the cruisers *Endymion* and *Musurus*.

GREAT damage was done by fire at the Fairfield Shipbuilding Company's yard, near Glasgow, on the 9th ultimo, and 5,000 hands have thereby been temporarily thrown out of work.

IN honour of her distinguished passenger, H.E. Wu Tingfang and the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, the mail steamer *Galle* flew the Chinese dragon flag at her masthead as she left the harbour to-day.

IT is rumoured that the Japanese Government have purchased the Hon. E. R. Bell's yacht *Kingsclere* to replace the little *Formosa* revenue cruiser recently wrecked off the east coast of the "Beautiful Isle."

A COMMANDING Officers' Parade of the Volunteers will be held on the 20th inst., as a preliminary instruction for the forthcoming annual inspection. Members are particularly requested to attend.

THE Queensland Rifle Association has decided to raise a fund for the purpose of sending a team to Biele this year to take part in the celebration of the Queen's long reign. What is Hongkong doing? Very little, it is to be feared.

NEWS has reached Sydney of the treacherous murder, by Solomon Island natives, of another well-known trader named Captain (Gibbins). The murder was committed while the Captain's boat was lying off an island trading with the natives.

THE Parisian daily paper *Debat* bitterly reflects upon the recent bungling of French diplomacy which has allowed Great Britain to occupy posts on the River Niger which, by treaty with the native rulers, really belong to France!

THE entries for the 77th Derby include *Gallus Mora*, *Velasquez*, *Winkfield's Pride*, *Vivianston*, *Kingsclere*, *Cello* (a brother of *Ormond*), *Palmer* and *Yorker*. Forty-one, the smallest entry for many years, is the total number of subscribers.

MESSRS JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, the General Managers, kindly inform us that they have received a telegram reading, as follows:—"The *Eureka Mine*: The width of the reef is 5 feet; reefs show visible gold; grade of ore very good."

ANYONE the British warship about to pay off in H.M.S. *Swift* which leaves Manila for Hongkong on the 19th instant. H.M.S. *Archer* is due here from Japan in a few days, and after taking in coal and provisions she will proceed to Manila to take the *Swift's* place.

H.M.S. *Edgar*, formerly on the China Station, leaves England on the 31st April with a new crew for the *Undanited*. The ships will meet at Trincomalee, Ceylon, where the crews will exchange the *Edgar* taking the homeward bound men and the *Undanited* proceeding to the Far East.

COMMANDER HASTINGS yesterday concluded the enquiry into the death of a woman whose sampan was run down on the 5th instant by the Danish steamer *Frip*. A verdict of death by drowning, was returned. The accident was due to the deceased having wrongfully navigated her boat.

THE band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at Murray Barracks tomorrow, at 12.30 p.m.:—

1.—Overture.....	Titus.....	Mozart
2.—Spring Song.....	Mendelssohn
3.—Song.....	The voice of the Father.....	Cowen
4.—The Unfinished Symphony.....	Schubert
(a) Allegro Moderato.....	(b) Andante con moto.....	

THE Municipal Commission of Calcutta being of opinion that the violence of the plague was very marked in undrained districts, somewhat lower in partially drained districts, and still lower in drained districts, has issued instructions that work of completing the scheme for drainage should be pushed on with the utmost vigour.

MR. ERICH GEORG is his *Weekly Share List* issued to-day writes:—With the exception of a big business in Mining stocks the market has been rather quiet, and rates, with very few exceptions, show a downward tendency. The disturbed state of politics at home, together with the declining exchange, are more or less responsible for this state of affairs.

WE understand that the mobilisation of the military forces of the colony is to take place on Tuesday next. The naval mobilisation has, we hear, been postponed *since the* so we are not likely just at present to see the fast and furious "commerce destroyers" *Whitson* and *Twins* cruising round the island at the alarming rate of fully six knots per hour. What a relief!

THE starting of an Indian Famine Fund in Ceylon under official auspices has been delayed. It is alleged that the Governor, on making inquiries, found that, owing to scarcity of money and high exchange, it is now the worst time to appeal to the trading community at Colombo. It was represented that, perhaps, about two months hence circumstances might so improve as to admit of the starting of a Ceylon Famine Fund.—*Strait Times*.

WE note that the North Borneo Toff Club proposes holding its annual Race Meeting at Sandakan on 6th July next. Entries close on 22nd June. The programme gives a list of seven events, the races being from one-half to three-quarters of a mile in length. The weights appear to be rather high, viz. 12 stones for a 13-hand pony; but this is probably owing to the almost entire absence of light-weight riders in the sister colony.

WE have received from Messrs Watkins & Co., the agents for the sale of it, a sample of Malt Extract prepared by Messrs Schitts, the well-known brewers of Milwaukee. As a food and tonic of similar preparation have made a name for themselves as rapidly as was merited, and no doubt Schitts' preparation will hold its own with any other brand. If this firm's Malt Extract is equal to its beer it will need very little recommendation.

ENGINEER W. H. Pallet, who has been appointed to H.M.S. *Tamar* for the Hongkong Naval Yard, will take the place of Mr. Crowley, who goes home on promotion to Chief Engineer. Engineer J. F. A. Hastings joins the *Tamar*, from the Naval Yard, superseding Mr. Frowd, whose period of service on this station has expired. As Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Smoking Club, Mr. Frowd has done valuable service and he was a hard-working member of the A.D.C., one of his most successful roles being that of Gaspard in "Les Cloches de Corneville."

MR. HUNTER, local agent of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, while cruising in the harbour in a sampan yesterday was run down by a steam launch. The impact of the launch caused the occupants of the sampan to fall into the water, and Mr. Hunter, who is a good swimmer, not only saved his own life by swimming ashore, but also that of the sampan owner, a woman. Mr. Hunter is evidently "the right man in the right place" as agent for an equitable life insurance company, and it is to be hoped that his gallant conduct will be recognised in a suitable manner. *Query*: Was the coxswain of the launch duly certificated, and were his eyes wide open a minute or two before the collision?

THE death is announced of Sir John B. Thurston, Governor of Fiji, who died on the 10th ultimo on board the steamer *Barrumbet* while on the voyage from Sydney to Melbourne.

LADY Abercrombie has announced that the Queen has expressed a desire that the commemoration of the 60th year of her reign in Canada may take the form of nursing and caring for the sick and suffering.

THE Victorian Government having declined on economical grounds to send a team of Victorian riflemen to England, at a cost of £3,000, Mr. David Symes, proprietor of the Melbourne *Age*, has sent the Premier a cheque for that amount. Good old *Age*!

THE Time Ball at Kowloon Point has been undergoing a thorough overhaul during the last few days and consequently masters of ships have been unable to check their chronometers by it. The ball is now in position again, however, and will shortly resume its function of dropping daily at 1 p.m.

LORD BRASSEY, Governor of Victoria, Australia, was thrown from his horse while riding in Melbourne on the 23rd ultimo and sustained serious injuries, his collar-bone being broken and his face and head badly cut and bruised. Latest news by the *Tsinan* to-day is to the effect that H.E. was recovering as rapidly as could be expected under the circumstances.

BOTH the Field Battery and the Machine Gun Corps of the H.K.V. had their competitions to-day. The guns were placed on the Wong-nel-chong Gap and firing was directed at targets moored in Deep Water Bay. The weather was very unfavourable, but our "Very Own" acquitted themselves admirably. We hope shortly to give the full results of the competition.

MR. T. W. QUINCY, the courteous and persevering son of Inspector Quincey, leaves Hongkong by the *Empress of Japan* on Wednesday next for Peking, where he will pursue his studies in the Mandarin dialect. He has been for some time past engaged in the office of the Registrar-General here, and those who have watched his career predict considerable distinction for him in the future.

THE Indian crop this season promises to be a bumper one unless injured by hail storms later on. Many cultivators will thus be enabled to tide over the trying time due to the partial failure of the food crops. The Government stocks of opium which have fallen very low in the last few years will now be raised to their normal level, though the supply of the seasoned drug will be rather short until next year.—*Statesman*.

DURING the hearing of a recent case in the Queen's Bench Division before Mr. Justice Day the following dialogue took place:—Counsel (at the end of a long speech): "Then, my Lord, comes the question of big game; they might have been full bags, or half full-bags, or again, my Lord, they might have been empty bags." Judge: "Or they might have been blind bags!" This has no local application!

EXPERIMENTS on the Nagpur (India) form show that the quality of Cairo cotton imported was excellent and gave a yield of double the value of the ordinary local varieties. So successful was the Egyptian staple that large demands will be made on it with the view to more general utilisation in India. Good! But why not give the Borneo cotton seed a trial, since Borneo cotton is reported to be of excellent quality?

WE hear that in response to an invitation from the Imperial Government a Company of the Hongkong Regiment and at least half a Company of the Chinese Submarine Miners will be despatched to the said country to take part in the celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. There has been some talk of sending some of the Volunteers with the regulars, but it seems that no decision has yet been arrived at.

MORE people believe that Bombay has to contend with the plague alone, and that the famine is confined to other parts of India. Both plague and famine are ravaging the Western City, and it is high time that strenuous efforts be made to check both calamities, one being the outcome of the other. The first appearance of the plague should have warned the authorities of the approach and terrible effects of famine.—*Indian Engineering*.

THE Premiers of the Australian colonies, who have been in conference at Hobart, have now returned to their respective colonies. They have decided that as the Australian colonies are not yet federated they could not reply collectively to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's invitation to visit London next year on the occasion of the celebration of the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign, and answers were therefore made by each separately.

AT the recent Australian Premier's Conference at Hobart the refusal of South Australia to contribute towards the cost of a fort at Thursday Island, on the ground that such fort was of little value so long as the shore and of the cables at Port Darwin was left unprotected, was referred to, and it was decided to communicate with the Imperial and Colonial Defence Committee as to the precise nature of the defence to be instituted in connection with the important cable station at Port Darwin.

THE directors of Messrs. Baring Brothers and Co. announce that the net profit for 1896, including the balance brought forward from 1895, amounts to £110,846. Of this sum they propose to distribute £100,000, which, after meeting the dividends on the £1,000,000 of First and Second Preferences, leaves £45,000, or 180 per cent, for the £25,000 of Ordinary shares. In 1895 £55,000 was distributed, and £7,500 carried forward. No addition is made to the reserve, which stands at £100,000.

THE Manager of the Hongkong branch of the Straits Insurance Company, Ltd., has received a telegram from the Co.'s Head-Office giving the following summary of the Company's accounts to be submitted at the next annual general meeting:—Net premium for the year 1896, \$1,270,000; amount carried forward from Working Account 1896 to new account, \$385,000; the sum of \$180,000 has been withdrawn from Reserve Fund; balance at credit of Profit and Loss, \$31,000. It is proposed to pay a dividend of 5 per cent.

FROM the Sandakan *Herald* we learn that Nicodemus Tinggi, otherwise the Tall Chief, reports having fought the notorious Mat Salleh and his followers at Padang, a village some distance up the Sagor River. The fighting lasted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., when Mat Salleh retreated and the Tall Chief's rations gave out. The outlaws' forces are estimated at from 4,000 to 5,000 men by the Nicodemus, but we fear that, as his name implies, he is a very "tall" one, and as such liable to draw the long bow as occasion requires. At all events, later accounts put Mat Salleh's followers at 700 souls, chiefly women and children. The tall gent should try again!

WITH the number of bad characters at present in Hongkong there is an urgent need for having the quiet roads of the colony vigilantly guarded by the police. A Chinaman of the coolie class followed two ladies along Bowen Road a couple of days ago, and when he thought there was no chance of interference he attacked one of them, throwing her to the ground and threatening her with violence. The ruffian's object was robbery and for a quarter of an hour his victim struggled with him. Her screams and those of her companion scared the fellow and he made off, no officer appearing during the incident. It appears to us that it would not be too great a strain on the police force if mounted constables were told off to patrol this and similar localities, and if detectives were "planted" there from time to time.

AT the Police Court to-day four seamen named Over Hinfeld, Carl Bujan, Charles Moore and Henry Eccles were charged by Inspector Stanton with being armed with dangerous weapons and with intent to commit a felony. They pleaded not guilty, upon which Inspector Stanton said that on the 12th instant about 3 p.m. he went to the first floor of No. 39 Fletcher Street accompanied by Inspector Quincey, Sergeant Holt and three constables. He saw the second and fourth defendants on the first floor. The police waited till 3.30 p.m. when the first and third defendants arrived. Mrs. Goulburn handed some of her boxes to Holt. In one was found the revolver and knife produced and five rounds of ammunition. Mrs. Goulburn pointed out the second man as the owner of the knife and the first as the owner of the revolver. On being searched at the Central Station another revolver cartridge of the same calibre as the others was found on the third defendant, who stated that he had picked it up. Mrs. Goulburn said that on the 12th instant two of the defendants came to her house. They left and came back on the 12th with three other men, amongst them the third and fourth defendants. The fifth man who was called "Chips" said he had a box of silk worth £100 and a compass worth £8. It was proposed to bring ashore the goods to her house and ask her to dispose of them. The first defendant then produced the revolver and asked her to keep it, saying that, if anyone troubled him he would use it. When he took it out of his pocket it was loaded. Then the second defendant gave her the knife which he called "a butcher's knife" and she was then told to keep them till they went on board, when they would be wanted. After hearing further evidence Capt. Hastings inflicted a fine of \$100 with the alternative of 3 months' hard labour on the first and second defendants, and the third and fourth defendants were ordered to be bound over in the sum of \$100 to be of good behaviour for six months or in default six weeks' imprisonment. After the sentence was passed the first and second defendants in a defiant tone said that they would appeal to the American Consul. This irritated His Worship, who at once ordered the men to be removed.

DEPARTURE OF H.E. WU TING FANG AND DR. HO KAI.

The leading members of the Chinese community united to-day in giving a very cordial "send-off" to their distinguished compatriots, H.E. Wu

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE
FRENCH MAIL.

LONDON, February 11th.

EGYPT AND THE SUDAN.

The House of Commons on the 5th passed the vote submitted by the Government for the payment of the cost of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition to Dongola. The total of the vote agreed to is £798,803, which includes a sum of £370,000 to cover the cost of the construction of the Desert Railway from Wadi Halfa to Abu Hamed. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in moving the adoption of the resolution, announced the Government policy in connection with the Egyptian question. He declared that the decision of the Appellate Court of the Mixed Tribunal, having overruled the action of the *Caisse de la Dette* in advancing the sum of £500,000 for the purpose of the expedition to Dongola, made it necessary for the Government of Great Britain to consider whether it was the duty of the British Government to support the action of the Mixed Tribunal. He declared that the decision of the Appellate Court of the Mixed Tribunal, having overruled the action of the *Caisse de la Dette* in advancing the sum of £500,000 for the purpose of the expedition to Dongola, made it necessary for the Government of Great Britain to consider whether it was the duty of the British Government to support the action of the Mixed Tribunal. He declared that the decision of the Appellate Court of the Mixed Tribunal, having overruled the action of the *Caisse de la Dette* in advancing the sum of £500,000 for the purpose of the expedition to Dongola, made it necessary for the Government of Great Britain to consider whether it was the duty of the British Government to support the action of the Mixed Tribunal.

The French Press, commenting upon the speech of Sir M. Hicks-Beach, declares it to be an insolent challenge to the Dual Alliance. The Khedive of Egypt has sent courteous replies to the French and Russian Governments, maintaining that the advance of the loan money from the *Caisse de la Dette* for the purpose of the expedition to Dongola was an absolutely legal proceeding. The Russian newspapers are irritated at the announcement of the British policy in connection with Egypt and the Sudan. It is now well known that Great Britain will peacefully evacuate Egypt. The Austrian Press considers that, with the Turkish problem still unsettled, the British Government has chosen an inopportune moment for declaring its policy. The *Gazette*, a Paris daily newspaper, asserts that the visit of Count N. M. Fournier, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, to Paris was for the purpose of urging the French Government to agree to an increase of the allied squadrons in the Levant owing to the presence of a fleet of forty British warships in Beikha Bay.

M. Hanotaux, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, has declared that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's speech on the Egyptian situation is not calculated to assist in a solution of the Egyptian difficulty. M. Hanotaux further deplored the speech of Mr. G. M. Curzon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, in which discredit was thrown upon the judicial character of the Mixed Tribunal. M. Hanotaux, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, declares that there is cause for anxiety regarding the future of Egyptian finance. If the question be referred to arbitration, the attitude of France is, he says, certain to be upheld. France, he concludes, will not consent to an infringement of her rights as regards Egypt based as there were on reiterated promises and public documents. The German newspapers describe the reply of M. Hanotaux, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, to Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's pronouncement on the Egyptian question in the House of Commons, as tantamount to a refusal to accept the latter's challenge.

THE COLONIAL PREMIERS.

With respect to Mr. Chamberlain's invitation to the Colonial Premiers to visit England, on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, the following message has been sent to the Secretary of State:—

"The Australian Premier, assembled at Hobart, are deeply sensible of the high honour conferred upon the Australian colonies by the invitation to the several Premiers to visit England to join in the commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen's accession and also of the unique and gratifying character of the demonstration in which they are invited to participate. In no part of the empire will this commemoration be regarded with a higher feeling of loyalty than in Australia. But the Premiers cannot collectively accept this invitation, and must, therefore, leave the answer to the Secretary of State's message to be made by each of them separately on return to their several homes, and after consideration of the exigencies of public business." Mr. Chamberlain has engaged suites of rooms at the Hotel Cecil for the accommodation of the Colonial Premiers in June.

THE TRANSVAAL.

The Transvaal authorities have arrested, on a charge of vagrancy, a rich coloured contractor from Cape Colony. The man entered the Republic with a passport signed by Lord Rosemead, the British High Commissioner for South Africa, and he was placed in custody because he had not strictly complied with the recent restrictive immigration laws of the Republic. In obtaining and carrying about an official badge showing that he was a "servant master," Lord Rosemead and Mr. W. G. Greene, C.B., the British Agent at Pretoria, are enquiring into the circumstances of the arrest. It is reported that Dr. W. J. Leyds is about to resign the State Secretaryship of the Republic, and that he will be succeeded in the office by Henry J. G. Kotze, the Chief Justice of the Judicial Department of the Transvaal.

The Transvaal Government decided to join the Geneva Commercial Convention without consulting England. Lord Salisbury informed the Transvaal Government that England's assent was necessary; and it has been applied for and granted.

BRITISH TRADE.

The Board of Trade returns for the month of January show an increase in the imports amounting to £1,501,821, exports having decreased during the same period by the sum of £1,384,115. The following table shows the comparative volume of trade—

Imports 1896 1897
Exports 1896 1897

SHOCKING MASSACRE IN NEW
GUINEA.

FORTY-FIVE MEN KILLED.

News was received at Thursday Island on the 27th ultimo from New Guinea of the slaughter of a party of miners, and their attendants, numbering in all forty-five men, by Mambare River natives in New Guinea, on the 14th January last. Telegrams received by the Hon. J. Douglas and Messrs. Burns, Philp, & Co., of Thursday Island, requested that Sir William MacGregor, who was then on a tour up the Fly River, should be informed. On the 28th ultimo, accordingly, the *Albatross* was despatched by the Government Resident to Dora, the headquarters of the western division of British New Guinea, for the purpose of getting Mr. Hely, the magistrate for the division, to convey news of the affair to Sir William MacGregor, who will doubtless take steps with all despatch to punish the offending natives. The party consisted of Mr. John Green, Government agent, five white men, miners; also native police, and thirty carriers. There are no particulars to hand of the affair, nor as to how the news reached Port Moresby; and the time that has elapsed since the massacre occurred tends to show that the whole party travelling alone could have escaped alive or uninjured, for had any escaped the news would have reached Port Moresby earlier.

THE AUSTRALIAN HORRORS.

MURDERER BUTLER INCRIMINATES OTHERS.

ADMITS HE WAS IN POSSESSION OF HIS
VICTIM'S PERSONAL EFFECTS.

LONDON, February 8th.

It is reported from San Francisco that murderer Butler, captured on the *Swanilda*, states he is positive that he will be able to prove his innocence after his return to Australia, and that other arrests will then be made.

LONDON, February 10th.

It is reported that Butler, now under arrest at San Francisco charged with the Glenbrook murders, has stated that two men forced him to accept part of the belongings of Capt. Lee Weller which were found in his possession.

Butler has offered to turn informer if the police will assist him in capturing the men.

SYDNEY, February 11th.

The arrested man Butler is now believed to be identical with the man Richard Ashe, who spent about three years in Western Australia and was continually undergoing short sentences for petty larceny.

LONDON, February 11th.

Great rivalry has existed between showmen in San Francisco ever since Butler, and they have bought his hat, shoes, and belt, and he has also been paid \$150 for speaking into a phonograph.

LONDON, February 22nd.

In connection with the extradition of Butler Detective Roche has testified that cartridges found in Butler's possession on the *Swanilda* contained bullets identical with that which killed Lee Weller.

IMPORTANT PARLIAMENTARY
REPORT.

SECTION OF 1907.

(BY OUR SPECIAL LADY LOBBYIST.)

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mrs. Speaker took her seat at four o'clock.

QUESTIONS.

Mrs. Obolensky-Mann: I wish to ask the Home Secretary a question of which I have given the right honourable lady private notice. It is either she will cause a list to be made, and laid on the table of all members whose husbands are directors of public companies.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Macdonald, has already been laid on the table giving the names of honourable and right honourable ladies connected with public companies. The practice of gentlemen serving on public boards is as fallen so much into disuse of late years that the return asked for appears to be unnecessary.

Mrs. Plesman: Can my right honourable friend tell the House whether discovery has been made of the perpetrator of the outrage of hanging mistletoe over the Treasury bench on the opening day of the Session?

The Home Secretary: I will ask my honourable friend not to press her question. I have reason to believe that the act referred to was an attempt—well meaning, but no doubt ill-advised—to express the pleasure with which honourable members on both sides of the House heard of the betrothal of my right honourable friend, the First Lady of the Admiralty, to the noble Lord who made the Opposition in another place.

Mrs. Plesman: I desire to ask the First Lord of the Treasury what steps the Government have taken to reform their pledge to give facilities for the introduction of working-women members to this House?

The First Lord of the Treasury: The chief obstacle to the end we all have in view, to which the honourable lady referred to on a previous occasion, has, I hope, been overcome by the appropriation of a room for the reception of final arrangements cannot be made until my honourable friend who has charge of the matter has sufficiently recovered from the effects of recent interesting family event to resume her public duties. I may say, however, that the room reserved for the purpose will probably be Committee-Room No. 11, which has historical associations which render it peculiarly suitable to become the scene of childish cries and peevish squabbles.

Mrs. Plesman: Mrs. Speaker, ma'am: Is the honourable member for St. John's Wood, sitting below the gateway opposite to the office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as I have observed her doing repeatedly while the last question was being answered?

The Speaker: The precedents on the point are very meagre. I find, however, that, before the passing of the Great Enfranchisement Act, honourable members were known to have shaken their fists at each other, and such actions were ruled to be a breach of parliamentary propriety. By analogy, therefore, I am prepared to rule that for an honourable member to kiss her hand to another member of the opposite sex is a display of passion entirely out of order.

Mr. Maaher: I beg leave, ma'am, to make a personal explanation. The House is aware that it was my intention to kiss her before the notice of the House was given.

as a question of privilege, the scandalous article in "The Pictorial Detective" in which the grossest insinuations were levelled at me with reference to my canvass of a certain class of my constituents in Pimlico and Bloomsbury. My only reason in postponing my motion till to-morrow is that I am anxious for my motion to be heard, heard, to be in her place, and as she had a long-standing engagement to address her constituents in Scotland to-night, it is impossible for her to be in the House before to-morrow. (Hear, hear.)

Mrs. Plesman: When the honourable member for Pimlico moves his resolution to-morrow I shall consider it my duty to state that I myself saw him kissing the member for St. John's Wood behind the Speaker's chair while his wife was speaking on the Divorce Bill on Tuesday last.

The Speaker: Order, order! The honourable lady is out of order in making that statement at present.

Mrs. Plesman: I don't care if I am out of order; it's true. (Order, order! Cries of "Name her.")

The Speaker: I shall have to name the honourable lady if she refuses to accept my ruling. (Cries of "Withdraw" and "Name her.")

Mrs. Plesman: I move that the honourable lady be named. Her name suits her admirably.

Mrs. Plesman: I quite understand, ma'am, that the honourable lady who spoke last should object to attention being called to the habit of kissing within the precincts of the House.

Mrs. Plesman: The honourable lady prides herself on speaking plainly. Her speech, in fact, is as plain as her face, and—"Order, order!"

The Speaker: I must request honourable ladies to abstain from personal allusions.

Mrs. Plesman: I have to report, ma'am, that during the last session which the House has just witnessed the member for Moulton was deliberately told down my back hair.

The Speaker: Order, order! The incident is now closed. The order of the day is the Infant Enfranchisement Bill, second reading. I call on the Home Secretary.

THE INFANT ENFRANCHISEMENT BILL.

The Home Secretary: I hardly think, Mrs. Speaker, that this Bill requires much argument to commend it to the House. The purpose of the Government, if, at all, on the side of moderation. We have fixed the limit of age at ten years. I can well understand it being objected that the age is too high. No doubt in old days, when the franchise was absurdly connected with the possession of property or with the fact of the voter paying rates, it might have been intelligible that infants—who naturally would not be so qualified—should be debarred from exercising what we all now recognize to be an inalienable right of every citizen. And if it is such a right, on what principle is the citizen of ten years to be excluded? A boy or girl of that age is at least the equal in intelligence of many who now possess the vote. Did not Mozart compose a Mass and conduct an orchestra before he was ten? Does the proper exercise of the franchise require more intellect than to compose a Mass? Why, ma'am, this was a very argument by which we women were so long ourselves excluded from the vote and from sitting in this House. (Hear, hear.) It was said that we were not intelligent enough to be equal to men. (Roars of laughter.) The argument was triumphantly met by showing that women had sometimes equalled men in universal distinction and in other ways. (Hear, hear.) But it can at least as easily be shown that children of ten—yes, and of much tenderer age—can surpass their seniors in intellectual achievement. And if we look at the question from the point of view of the franchise, it is the purely conventional idea connected with twenty-one years to be defended? (Hear, hear.) Why, ma'am, this idea is a mere survival of the days of privilege—(loud cheers)—and may be traced to the feudal system of antiquity. (Renewed cheers.) But I may be told that this Bill is the thin end of the wedge, and that presently we shall have children sitting in this House. I for one, ma'am, do not shrink from that conclusion. (Loud and continued cheering.) Professional nursemaids already reject to say, and I have seen these banishes: then why not their innocent charges also? I women brought insight, intuition, sympathy, into politics for the first time. Infants will bring even greater intelligence than we ourselves can lay claim to. It, as the poet says, "Heaven lies about us in our infancy." It will be the proud achievement of the present Administration, by passing this Bill, to introduce the very atmosphere of Heaven into the British House of Commons. (Loud cheers, during which the right honourable lady resumed her seat.)

(The House was still sitting when we went to press.)—*St. James Gazette*.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Trinidad*, Capt. Geo. Ramsay, from Sydney and ports, arrived in harbour to-day. For the subjoined telegrams we are indebted to our Colonial exchanges:—

LONDON, February 12th.

Since the outbreak between the Christians and the Mohammedans in Crete occurred, 5,000 persons are said to have fled from the island. Two thousand persons are now reported to be on board British ships of war at Cana.

The Arbitration Board appointed under the Anglo-Venezuelan Arbitration Treaty will meet about the middle of 1898.

It is stated that the Transvaal Republic intended joining in the Geneva Convention without first consulting Great Britain. Lord Salisbury, however, has declared that the assent of Great Britain was necessary before this step could be taken; but the British Government would in this case waive its assent.

BREITENBURG, February 11th.

The new scheme of arrangements with the Queensland National Bank has been submitted to the Supreme Court, and 22nd March has been fixed as the date for the meeting of creditors to consider it.

St. Patrick's Day has been declared a public holiday throughout the colony.

ADELAIDE, February 11th.

The heat that has been experienced in Adelaide recently has been very excessive, the thermometer on Wednesday registering 107 deg. in the shade.

BREITENBURG, February 11th.

The total gold yield of Queensland for January amounted to 44,505 oz.

SYDNEY, February 12th.

Mr. J. A. Amor, Consul in Sydney for Chili and Nicaragua, has been committed for trial at Sydney on a charge of misappropriating money entrusted to him.

Edward J. H. Corbett, lately a clerk in the New South Wales Savings Bank, has been committed for trial on several charges of forging signatures to orders for the payment of moneys by the bank.

Cardinal Moran has consented to accept a nomination for a seat in the Federal Convention. He will not, however, address public meetings, but will simply leave himself in the hands of the electors.

After an unsuccessful conference with the employers, the engineers and smiths have been withdrawn from all shipbuilding yards in the Newcastle-on-Tyne district.

The expedition next against the King of Benin, in West Africa, is in consequence of the recent capture of a party sent to render assistance to the King of Benin, has captured Benin, and a military campaign in which they were heavy losses on both sides.

Professor Koch, the eminent bacteriologist, who went to Cape Colony to investigate the rinderpest disease amongst the cattle, says that he has discovered a process which will render the cattle proof against contagion, and he considers he will be able to eradicate the disease.

The detachment of New South Wales Mounted Rifles which is proceeding to London, left Sydney on Tuesday amid great enthusiasm.

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LONDON, February 12th.

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Mr. Rhodes further admitted that he had attempted to delude the public into the belief that Jameson had gone to the assistance of the women and children at Johannesburg.

The Plots of Wales and a large number of Peers and members of the House of Commons were present during the examination of Mr. Rhodes, which created immense interest.

Expected when he was under cross-examination by Sir William Macartney.

(Inquiry proceeding.)

Serious floods have occurred in the Thames (N.Z.) inundating the eastern and southern island counties, and causing extensive damage.

COCKTOWN, February 16th.

The steamer *Burdock* has sailed from Cocktown for Samarai and Woodlark with twenty-nine miners on board.

MELBOURNE, February 16th.

About 110 persons have been quarantined at Melbourne in connection with an outbreak of small-pox, which was discovered on the steamer *Nikrova* after many of her passengers landed.

SYDNEY, February 16th.

Mr. Reid, Premier of New South Wales, states that, as he is at present situated, it is impossible for him to leave the colony to accept Mr. Chamberlain's invitation to visit London.

General French, Commandant of the New South Wales Defence Forces, considers that it would be prudent to have the federal capital of Australia some distance back from the coast.

LONDON, February 16th.

Professor Koch, the eminent bacteriologist, who went to Cape Colony to investigate the rinderpest disease amongst the cattle, says that he has discovered a process which will render the cattle proof against contagion, and he considers he will be able to eradicate the disease.

SYDNEY, February 18th.

The detachment of New South Wales Mounted Rifles which is proceeding to London, left Sydney on Tuesday amid great enthusiasm.

BREITENBURG, February 18th.

The question of sending a party of Mounted Infantry men from Queensland to take part in the demonstration in England in June next, in connection with the celebration of the Queen's long reign, is under consideration.

SYDNEY, February 19th.

A meeting of Protestant ministers in Sydney has resolved to issue a manifesto in opposition to the candidature of Cardinal Moran for the Federal Convention, and to suggest ten candidates to the electors of their way of thinking, for whom they should be recommended to vote.

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LONDON, February 22nd.

The Greek forces in Crete have obtained important successes against the Turks, too of whom were killed in one engagement.

Lord Salisbury, before taking any definite action against Greece, wishes to ascertain the views of the Powers with regard to the future Government of Crete, he himself favouring a form of autonomy similar to that now enjoyed by Samoa, and guaranteed by the leading Powers, especially Russia, Germany and Austria are greatly interested at the outcome shown by Greece.

A great meeting of Radicals has been held in London in favour of the annexation of Crete to Greece. The popular feeling in France, in the United States, and in Italy is also in favour of Greece.

Mr. Chamberlain has stated in the House of Commons that the Transvaal Government claimed £6,777,938 on account of material damage sustained through Mr. Jameson's raid. £1,000,000 being for moral and intellectual damage. The claim was laughed at in the House of Commons and is ridiculed by the Press throughout the country.

BREITENBURG, February 23rd.

Sir Hugh Nelson has finally decided to accept the invitation of Mr. Chamberlain to attend the diamond jubilee celebrations of the Queen's reign in England in June next. Sir Hugh Nelson will be accompanied by the Hon. T. J. Byrne.

The Hon. H. Toller will be leader of the House of Assembly during the absence of the Premier.

Sir Hugh Nelson has written to the members of the Queensland National Bank Commission of Inquiry stating he is opposed to the re-election of the present directors.

COCKTOWN, February 23rd.

About seventy more men have arrived at Cocktown en route for New Guinea, and there are now 700 men here who fully intend to start for New Guinea goldfields before the wet season is half over, the result of which can only be disastrous.

SYDNEY, February 23rd.

In view of the demand for passages to the New Guinea goldfields, steamers are being laid on direct from Sydney.

Cardinal Moran has made a vigorous reply to the resolution passed by the recent meeting of Protestant clergy in Sydney which was adverse to his candidature for the Federal Convention. He states that he stands for election as an Australian colonist only.

The meeting of the Protestant clergy in Sydney held to discuss Cardinal Moran's candidature for the Federal Convention selected a bunch of ten candidates for the Convention, including the Premier, the Colonial Secretary, and the Ministers for Lands.

ADELAIDE, February 23rd.

The final heat of the Adelaide Wheel Race was won by A. Allen (South Australia), Clifton being second and Martin third.

The Ten-mile Championship of Australia was won by Forth after a grand race, with Martin second and Wales third.

LONDON, February 24th.

A portion of the British Naval Reserves is being mobilised.

The camp of the insurgents in Crete near Cana has been bombarded by the European Fleet. The bombardment lasted twenty-five minutes, twenty shells being fired. The Greek regular troops were not engaged. Eighteen persons were wounded in the bombardment. The European Consuls in Crete have arranged an armistice. Both Christians and Moslems at Sofoca have asked the Powers to occupy that place. The Powers are now discussing Lord Salisbury's proposal to grant an autonomous form of government to Crete. Both Turks and Christians in Crete are stated to have massacred their prisoners.

After an unsuccessful conference with the employers, the engineers and smiths have been withdrawn from all shipbuilding yards in the Newcastle-on-Tyne district.

The expedition next against the King of Benin, in West Africa, is in consequence of the recent capture of a party sent to render assistance to the King of Benin, has captured Benin, and a military campaign in which they were heavy losses on both sides.

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SYDNEY, February 25th.

The detachment of New South Wales Mounted Rifles which is proceeding to London, left Sydney on Tuesday amid great enthusiasm.

BREITENBURG, February 25th.

The question of sending a party of Mounted Infantry men from Queensland to take part in the demonstration in England in June next, in connection with the celebration of the Queen's long reign, is under consideration.

SYDNEY, February 26th.

A meeting of Protestant ministers in Sydney has resolved to issue a manifesto in opposition to the candidature of Cardinal Moran for the Federal Convention, and to suggest ten candidates to the electors of their way of thinking, for whom they should be recommended to vote.

LONDON, February 26th.

The Committee of the House of Commons which has been appointed to inquire into the Transvaal raid, has been examining Mr. Cecil Rhodes, who admitted having helped the reform movement on the Rand.

Mr. Rhodes further admitted that he had attempted to delude the public into the belief that Jameson had gone to the assistance of the women and children at Johannesburg.

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(Inquiry proceeding.)

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CALENDAR.

MARCH.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1885.

Barometer 30.059
Thermometer 60.0
Humidity 85
Rainfall 4.08 inches.

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at 4 p.m. On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer 30.1
Thermometer 55
Humidity 86
Rainfall 0.05

Saturday, 13th March, 1897.

Chinese—11th of 2nd moon of 25rd year of Kwong-si.

Jewish—10th Adar, 5657.

Mohammedan—10th Shawwal, 1314.

Sun—Rises 6hr. 12min.

Sun—Sets 6hr. 5min.

High water—Afternoon 3hr. 41min.

Low water—Morning 0hr. 39min.

No inferior high or low water.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Renewal of hostilities and capture of forts in the Macao passage by the British.

1849—Chinese Custom House closed at Macao.

1879—Steamer *Sunflower* lost.

TO-MORROW.

Sunday, 14th March, 1897.

Chinese—12th of 2nd moon of 25rd year of Kwong-si.

Jewish—11th Adar, 5657.

Mohammedan—11th Shawwal, 1314.

Sun—Rises 6hr. 11min.

Sun—Sets 6hr. 8min.

High water—Afternoon 3hr. 39min.

Low water—Morning 0hr. 37min.

No inferior high or low water.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1842—The British forces routed 2,000 Chinese troops at Tzih-li.

1844—King Humbert of Italy born.

1868—Outrage on French sailors in Japan.

1890—Law Courts at Yokohama opened.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY—13th March.

The Transfer Books of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 27th inst., inclusive.

The Transfer Books of the Lyons Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 27th inst., inclusive.

TO-MORROW—14th March.

American mail due.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.—Commonion, 7 a.m.

Matins

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 15th March, at Twelve o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 15th instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [386]

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY are requested to attend a PRIVATE MEETING at the COMPANY'S Office No. 9, Praya Central, on TUESDAY next, the 16th March, 1897, at NOON.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES B. DUNCAN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1897. [441]

GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S Office, No. 9, Praya Central, on FRIDAY, the 19th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 19th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. G. WINTERBURN, General Manager.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1897. [442]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MEMBERS wishing to enter for the above will find LISTS on which to enter their NAMES in the HONGKONG CLUB and in the CRICKET PAVILION.

Entries will CLOSE on the 30th March, Hongkong, 11th March, 1897. [410]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 22nd March, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [405]

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN accordance with the Provision of No. 19 of the Articles of Association, the GENERAL MANAGERS have THIS DAY declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of 4 PER CENT. for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1896, on the Paid-up Capital of the Company. DIVIDEND WARRANTS Payable on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, will be issued to SHAREHOLDERS.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1897. [444]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL MANAGERS, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 P.M., on SATURDAY, the 27th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [416]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL MANAGERS, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 P.M., on SATURDAY, the 27th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [417]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1896, on or before the 15th March, on which date the ACCOUNTS will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. L. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1897. [352]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Underlying a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1896, in or before the 15th March, on which date the Distribution of BONUS may be adjusted. Returns not rendered prior to the 15th March instant will be adjusted by the Office, and on CLAIMS or ALTERATIONS will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [195]

Intimations.

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WATKINS & CO.,

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [13]

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION

ON MONDAY, the 15th March, 1897, commencing at 2.30 P.M.

at the Residence of J. MITCHELL, Esq., No. 1, Pokfulam Road, corner of Queen's Road, opposite No. 7, Police Station.

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

Comprising: TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, CENTRE and TEA TABLES, OVERMANTLES, LADY'S DESK with BEVELLED GLASS-TOP, MARBLE-TOP CHEFFONIER, PICTURES and ORNAMENTS.

ONE JAPANESE CABINET with IVORY PANELS, TAPESTRY and WHITE LACE CURTAINS, &c., FENDERS, CARPETS, RUGS, SIDEBOARDS, DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, BOOK-CASE, &c., GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, ELECTRIC PLATE and CUTLERY, PANTRY REQUISITES, LAMPS, &c., &c.

SINGLE and DOUBLE IRON and BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, &c., DRESSING TABLES, WARDROBE, CHESTS of DRAWERS and SUNDRY BEDROOM FURNITURE. BATHROOM REQUISITES, POTS and PLANTS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale. TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [415]

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION

ON THURSDAY, the 18th March, 1897, commencing at 2.30 P.M.

at No. 27, CAINE ROAD or LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE near No. 9, POLICE STATION.

The whole of the VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CHIEFLY OF MARINBURK MANUFACTURE,

LARGE TEAK CARVED HAT and UMBRELLA STAND with EMBOSSED LEATHER PANELS and SEATS, DRAWING-ROOM SUITE in SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH, CANTON BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, TENNESSEE MARBLE-TOP and FANCY TABLES, BEVELLED OVERMANTLES, EBONY and PLUSH CARD TABLE, HANDSOME JAPANESE SCREENS, VASES, ORNAMENTS, CLOCKS, OIL-PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, FENDERS, LACE CURTAINS, CARPETS, RUGS, &c., &c.

TEAK CARVED SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINNER WAGGONS, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MOROCCO-COVERED DINING-ROOM SUITE, DINNER and DESSERT SERVICES, ELECTRO-PLATE and GLASS-WARE, CUTLERY, PANTRY REQUISITES, &c., &c.

ONE HANDSOME DOUBLE BRASS BEDSTEAD with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, SEVERAL FINE AMERICAN WALNUT BEDSTEADS with SPRING and HAIR MATTRESSES, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS and SETS, MARBLE BUREAUS and DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASSES, SINGLE & DOUBLE WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS-DOORS, LIVEN WARDROBES, SEVERAL BED-ROOM SUITES in SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH, FANCY UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS, & SUNDRY BEDROOM FURNITURE, &c., &c.

BATH-ROOM REQUISITES, POTS and PLANTS. Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale. On View from WEDNESDAY, the 27th March. TERMS OF SALE:—As customary. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1, 165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1897. [434]

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1897. [435]

THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.

THIS Establishment has always enjoyed a high class reputation for Liberty in Food, Quality of Food and Perfection of Cuisine. THIS REPUTATION WILL BE MAINTAINED.

Fresh Daily Produce, FRUIT and other supplies are regularly imported from the United States, Canada and Australia. BELF from Kobe and TURKEY from the Straits.

The WINES, SPIRITS and MALT LIQUORS, comprising all brands in general demand, are the best shipped to the Far East.

In addition to the BAR, GRILL and DINING ROOMS, the upper floors are arranged so as to provide PRIVATE ROOMS suitable for DINNERS or SUPPERS, &c.

PICNIC and BATHING PARTIES supplied with light refreshments at a moment's notice. ICE CREAM from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. COLD-MEAT SUPPERS from 9 to 11.30 P.M.

THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM. FREDERICK BISHOP, Manager.

NEW VICTORIA HOTEL. ROTISSERIE. MEALS A LA CARTE.

CHOPS, STEAKS, &c., &c., at any time between 7.30 A.M. and 11.30 P.M.

MONTHLY BOARDERS at Moderate Rates.

MADAR & FARMER, Proprietors.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1897. [34]

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THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the elegant Building known as "CONNAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers.

Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendants. Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.

P. FOHM, Proprietor & Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1897. [13]

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OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

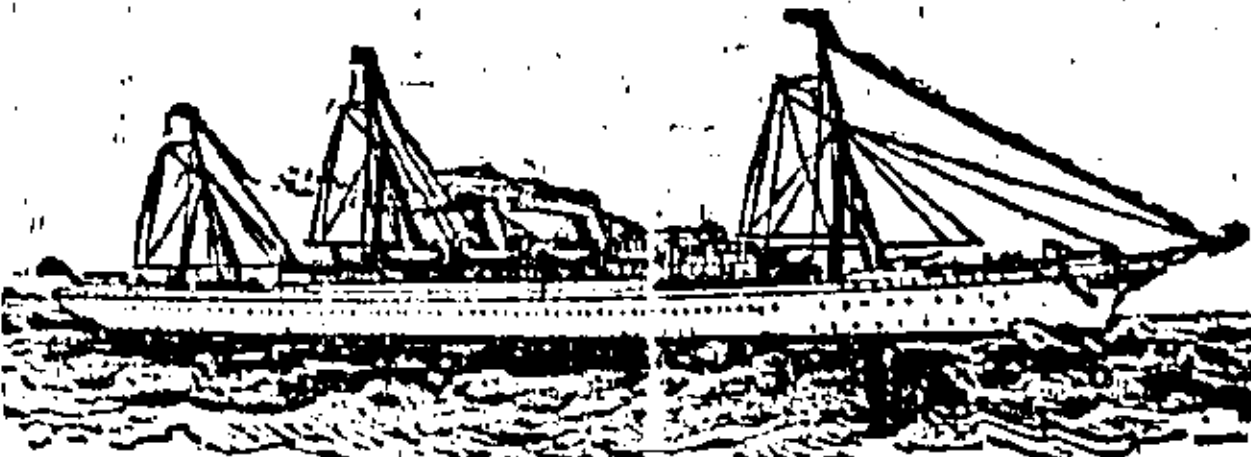
THIS commodious and well-appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 7,500 feet above sea-level, has just been thoroughly re-decorated, renovated and re-furnished, and a NEW WING has been built, which commands magnificent Views of the Harbour and mainland of China.

For further particulars, apply to THE MANAGER, New Victoria Hotel, Hongkong, 24th November, 1896. [195]

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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Twin Screw Steamships—4,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 17th March.

EMPEROR OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 7th April.

EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 28th April.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PACIFIC COAST CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney, Australia, via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months, &c.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Piddler's Street.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1897. [3]

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Thursday, 11th April, at Noon.

Belge (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ... Thursday, 22nd April, at Noon.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 11th May, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 11th April, 1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. [19]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO., SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG. SOAP MANUFACTURERS.

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EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1896. [69]

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THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$40. Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

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HONGKONG TO SAN FRANCISCO \$125. Rates of Passage to all ports on application. Special rates allowed members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Victoria ... 1, 167 Tuesday ... 17th March.

Olympia ... 1, 668 Tuesday ... 17th April.

Braemar ... 1, 669 Tuesday ... 17th May.

Tacoma ... 1, 549 Tuesday ... 17th May.

Victoria ... 1, 167 Tuesday ... 17th June.

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THE Steamship

"VICTORIA," Captain J. Pantou, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 17th March, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous